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*All my Dearly Beloved Friends and
Brethren, every where.*

THE Lord God Almighty with his
holy Power and Spirit hath gather-
ed and kept, and preserved you
to this Day a People to himself.
And now *Dear Friends and Bre-
thren*, In all your Words, in all your Business
and Employments, *Have a care of breaking
your Words and Promises to any People*; but
that you may before you make any Promises
to any Man or Woman, consider before-hand
that you may be able to perform and fulfil
both your Words and Promises to all People,
that you make your Promises, or give your
word unto. And that your *Yea* be *Yea*, and
Nay, Nay, in all things, which Christ hath set
up instead of an Oath, *Yea*, above an Oath, and
swearing in his New Covenant and Testament :

And the Apostle *James* holds forth the same Doctrine. And this *Yea, Yea, and Nay, Nay*, was set up, when they forbade all *Oathes* and *Swearing*. And therefore every one's *Yea* should be *Yea*, and every one's *Nay* should be *Nay*, and so to stand.

And therefore all are to Consider afore-hand before they speak their *Yea, Yea*, and before they speak their *Nay, Nay*, in the New Covenant of *Grace, Light, and Life*, that with the *Light* they may see safely when they speak their *Yea, Yea, and Nay, Nay*, which is the practice of the *Children of Light* in the New Covenant of *Light*; by and in which *Light* they see and Consider, what they are able to perform what they speak at *Yea, Yea*, and what they are able to stand to at *Nay, Nay*. So if you do walk in the *Light*, it will preserve you out of all rash and hasty Words and Promises, which many run into, that do neither perform either their *Yea, Yea*, or their *Nay, Nay*.

Therefore in the New Covenant of *Grace, Light, and Life*, all are to speak *Yea, Yea*, to what they can do and perform; and what they say *Nay, Nay* to that in the *Light* and *Life* and *Glory* of *God* they may likewise stand to their *Nay*, what they say *Nay* to.

So that none make any promise or speak *Yea, Yea*, or *Nay, Nay*, rashly, which they cannot perform; For such kind of *inconsiderate* and

rash, speaking is not in the Everlasting Covenant
 of Light, Life and Grace: Take heed lest you
 be numbered among the Covenant-Breakers
 spoken of, Rom. 1. 31. and such Truce-breakers
 which the Apostle speaks of, 2 Tim. 3. Which
 have a Form of Godliness, but deny the power
 thereof; from such turn away, says the Apo-
 stle. And therefore they that deny the power
 of Godliness, will not be faithful to God nor
 Man: and such cannot exercise a good Consci-
 ence to God in Obedience to him, nor to man to
 perform that which is Just, Righteous and Honest.
 Therefore the Apostle exhorts the Christians in
 the New Testament to speak the Truth in Love,
 and to put away Lying, and to speak every man
 the Truth with his Neighbour, Ephes. 4. 15, 25.
 And David saith, Who shall abide in thy Taber-
 nacle, and who shall dwell in thy holy Hill? He
 that walketh uprightly and worketh Righteousness,
 and speaketh the Truth in his heart. But they
 that speak Vanity every one to his Neighbour with
 flattering Lips and a double Heart, the Lord shall
 cut off. And Solomon speaking of Wisdom says;
 My Mouth shall speak Truth, and wickedness is
 an Abomination to my lips. And James says in 7.
 his General Epistle, so speak Ye and so do, &c.
 So see here how Certain and stedfast the holy
 Men of God would have Gods people to be in
 their words and doings. And also James was
 Careful, that the Saints in their very outward
 Dealings were to be Just, and reprov'd such
 for saying, To day or to morrow we will go into
 such a City and continue there a Year, and Buy
 and

Psal. 15.
 1, 2.

Psal. 12.

Prov. 8.

Jam. 2.
 12.

Jam. 4.

And sell all they have, and follow me: where as they did not know
what should be on the morrow. But they ought to
say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do
therefor that. Therefore you may see, how Care-
ful the Apostle was, to keep all the true Christians
in the fear of the Lord, and in the sense of his
will, God is true and faithful to his people in all
Generations, and so he would have his people
to be true and faithful to him, and to one ano-
ther, and to all men in his Spirit and Truth.

Luk. 16. And Christ saith, He that is faithful in that which
10, 11 is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is
unjust in the least, is unjust also in much. And
further he saith, If ye have not been faithful in
the Unrighteous Mammon or Riches, who will
commit unto you the true Riches? Therefore
there must be a Justice, a Faithfulness in the
outward Riches betwixt Man and Man, if you
will have a place in your hearts for the true
heavenly Riches. The Inward faithfulness
to God, bringeth forth faithfulness to men in
outward things. And as the Apostle says to
the Saints: Finally Brethren, whatsoever things
are true, whatsoever things are honest, what-
soever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, What-
soever things are of good Report: if there
be any virtue, and if there be any praise,
Zach. 8. think on these things. Which are very good
16. things to be minded, thought upon, and pra-
ctised by the Church of Christ. The Lord saith
by Zachary, These are the things that ye shall
do, speak ye every man the Truth to his Neighbour,

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Execute the Judgment of Truth and peace in your Gates: Again: Therefore saith the Lord, I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called a City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of Hosts an holy Mountain. And if outward Jerusalem was called so in the days of the Old Testament surely much more is heavenly Jerusalem in the New Covenant and Testament, called, The City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, Into which nothing that is uncle an can enter, but all the Believers in the Light, and the Children of Light enter into, whose names are Written in the Lambs book of Life and are to Walk in Truth and Righteousness, and speak the Truth every man to his Neighbour, according to the Apostle's Doctrine.

And so as every one hath received Christ Jesus, who is the Truth, walk in him the Truth, and speak the Truth as it is in Jesus; For you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, which are his.

And the Lord in mercy grant that all his people who profess his name may do so to his praise to his Glory and to his honour over all for ever, Amen.

And do not flight the form of sound words in Truth; You who have bought the Truth, do not sell it. And he that orders his Conversation aright shall see the salvation of God. And the Apostle says to the Philippians; Let your Conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; For the
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He says, *Our Conversation is in Heaven*, where must be all the true Followers of Christ that are built upon him the Rock and foundation, who is from above. And the Lord God Establish all his people upon this Rock and foundation which standeth sure, that upon him they may stand fast with the Grace and Truth that comes from him. *Amen.*

in the New Covenant and Testament, called, the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, into which looking that is much an can enter, but all the Believers in the Light, and the Children of Light enter into, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life.

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And the Lord in mercy grant that all his people who profess his name, do to his praise to his glory and to his honour over all for ever. *Amen.*

And do not slight the form of sound words in Truth; You who have bought the Truth, do not sell it. And be that others his Conversion might see the Salvation of God. And the Apostle says to the Philipians; Let your Conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; For the

